

'LONGSHOREMEN MET

Over 600 Assembled Last Night in Colored Opera House.

WILL BE QUIET AND ORDERLY

Strike Situation Virtually Unchanged, But

All Danger of Trouble Thought to be Passed. The Advice of the President.

There were many unfounded and absurd rumors circulated last night regarding the strike situation, and today the affair is in a more satisfactory condition than yesterday, if any change at all has taken place.

It was reported early in the evening on what seemed to be good and reliable authority, that President Keith, of the National Union, had arrived in Newport News and was going around among the colored men asking them all to stop work on all of the piers today, but the rumor was not correct. If Mr. Keith was in the city he could not be found last night, and the local leaders of the strike knew nothing of his visit.

GENERAL SITUATION.
The general situation last night at a late hour seemed to be virtually unchanged as far as the negro longshoremen were concerned. All of the men who have struck are still out, and do not intend to return to work until their demands have been complied with.

On the other hand the shipping people are determined not to grant the demands, which are considered absurd, and in the mean time the work of unloading and loading vessels at the piers will go on under the present conditions, the work being done by any white men who can be secured.

NO NEW MEN COMING.
The report that there were a number of longshoremen to be imported from Baltimore today, was again started yesterday afternoon, and in a short time had been spread all over the city. The rumor had it that the men would be brought here by Mr. Jack Mariner, who is now in the Monumental City. This report, like nearly all the others which were spread, is untrue and without foundation, although it seemed to come from reliable sources. Mr. Mariner will return to Newport News this morning, but he will bring no longshoremen with him.

MEETING LAST NIGHT.
There was an important meeting last night held in the colored opera house in brackets of the local colored union. The meeting was called by the local leader of the strike, President Bell, of the union, for the purpose of giving the members of the organization some advice and instructions on the subject of their actions during the continuance of the controversy.

When Bell called the meeting to order there were over 600 of the colored longshoremen present, and the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. The men were told that they should not be carried away by any inclination they might have to cause trouble, and that it was only by quiet and orderly conduct that they could hope to gain their ends.

It had been reported to many of them that the white men who took their places on the piers had armed themselves with revolvers. This rumor was denied to them and they were told that they should not follow any such foolish course, no matter what happened. The meeting was very orderly and the men seemed to be inclined to follow the advice of their leader to the letter, and there can be no doubt but that they will be quiet and orderly and will make no demonstrations of a turbulent nature.

BELL'S STATEMENT.
When seen by a reporter at a late hour last night Bell stated that he did not think the colored longshoremen would do anything that could be deplored, and he was confident that there would be no rioting or disorder. The men, he said, are out because they think they have been wronged, and they will not return to work until their demands have been complied with. They will remain out of work, but there will be no trouble on account of the strike.

If the shipping companies can get white men to do the work required at the same price the colored men work for, then they are at perfect liberty to do so, he continued. The union men will cause no disturbance if non-union men are employed.

Bell is confident of a victory, and thinks the matter will be settled in a few days at the outside. He believes the shipping companies will find that they cannot get along without the men of the union, and their demands will be complied with.

AN ABSURD RUMOR.
When asked as to the report that there would be several hundred non-union men imported today, Bell said that he did not believe anything of the kind would be done. He stamped the rumor as being absurd and did not think there was any possibility of such a thing.

The developments in the strike today will be watched with the greatest interest. It is thought that the matter will take some decided shape before the end of the next twenty-four hours, and a victory for either the colored men or the shipping companies be won.

The work of unloading the Chesapeake and Ohio steamship Kanawha was somewhat delayed on account of the strike, but yesterday afternoon the work was commenced and will go on uninterruptedly.

White men have been employed to do this work, and all the able-bodied men who can be secured are being put on. There are now over fifty white men at work on this ship, and a number of others will be taken on this morning.

Mr. W. H. Landon, the local representative of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, stated yesterday afternoon that the longshoremen's strike in New York, which tied up the company for some days to a great extent, is virtually over, and the ships are being worked as usual now.

The men who went out on this strike have been out before for no very good reason, and the stevedores of the company have decided not to allow them to fool any more. The men who went out on the present strike are not being taken back, and cannot get employed loading and unloading the ships of this company.

POSITION EXPLAINED.
The following interesting communication was brought to this office yesterday. It outlines the position of the colored longshoremen who are out on the strike.

Editor Daily Press:
Doubtless you and the generous public may be somewhat surprised to hear

anything coming from any one of us as members of this organization, but as our objects and aims have been either misunderstood by Mr. Thomas Adams or else he was blinded by prejudice, injustice to ourselves and the public, we believe it would be well for us to state the facts of the matter.

First, we told Mr. Mariner, the general stevedore of the Chesapeake & Ohio Steamship Company, and also the general stevedore of the United States Shipping Company, Mr. Fleet, that we could do all the longshoremen's work and their reply to us was, if we would organize and get the men who would be able to do the work we alone should do it, unmoistened.

We at once applied for and obtained a charter. Having secured our charter we notified the non-union longshoremen, white as well as colored, that if they desired to continue to do longshoremen work they would have to connect themselves with the union. The men of color, to a very great degree, took warning and immediately applied for admission into the union, while the white men persistently refused. Yet no colored men who did not belong to the union were allowed to work, but in the meantime white men were readily accommodated and on many occasions our piers were filled by them. We gave thirty days' notice on July 31 to all the stevedores that if non-union men were allowed to work at our work we would quit. The period of time we set expired yesterday, August 30th.

We know that capital has rights and must be respected and so has labor rights that ought to be respected. Don't white men quit work after being organized for the purpose of protection, especially when they have grievances? Why should not the negro organizations be accorded the same privilege?

The great howl among all white organizations is that the negroes will not stand together after being organized. (An negro control the machinist union, or the carpenter union, or any other union organized by white men, either North or South, East or West? Now, Mr. Editor, why should we not have such an organization in the South as will effectively protect the negro against non-union white men, since in the South the negro furnishes the bone and the sinew of all the manual labor? Our notice to the stevedores has not been answered, therefore we quietly quit work in accordance with our notice, not having anything to say or do with those who felt disposed to work.

To our personal knowledge there have been about twenty-five or twenty-six white men working with us all the while we have been out on strike, and our objects and aims are the same. **SOUTHEY BELL,** President.

E. SKIPWORTH, Local L. A., No. 71.
TO TAKE THE ENTRIES.

Final Meeting of Committee of Central Trades Union Will Be Held Tomorrow.

The committee of the Central Trades Union, of this city, which has in hand the arrangement of the contests for the Labor Day celebration at the Casino, will be at the store of Mr. J. A. Hirsch, on Washington avenue, tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock to receive entries for the various contests.

The arrangements for the event are now complete in all details, and the program has been prepared in full. The account of the celebration which was published several days ago is correct in all the principal matters, and the day will be spent as was then announced.

There will be a large number of people here from Hampton and other points on the Peninsula, and nearly all of the citizens of Newport News will visit the Casino some time during the day. That Monday will be a day long to be remembered there can be but little doubt.

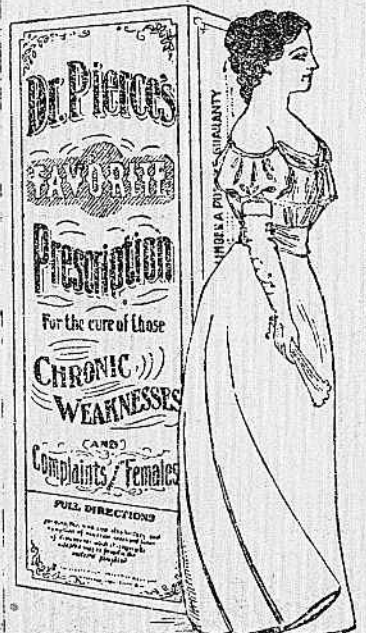
There will be an excursion to Virginia Beach on Labor Day, but this will have comparatively no effect on the local celebration of the day. It is not considered likely that anyone will go to the Beach to spend the day, when there will be such interesting and enjoyable exercises in Newport News.

Looking for His Brother.

Mr. E. S. Burns, of New York, was in the city yesterday, looking for his brother, who is supposed to be somewhere in this section of the country. The man in question is the "Prof." Burns, who formerly played a piano at the old Delaware House. He is now believed to be in Norfolk, and Mr. Burns has gone there to look for him. If he can be found he will be asked to return to his home in the north.

Injured on the Kearsarge.

Mr. Harry May, who is employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, had his knee badly dislocated several days ago, by falling through one of the open hatches on the battleship Kearsarge.



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Messrs. Shand and Boykin Out for State Senator.

CAUSEY MAY ENTER RACE

Well Known Suffolk Republican Said to be Considering the Matter. Factional

Fight May Hurt Democratic Candidates. Positions Outlined.

There is a sad mix-up in the political situation in the district across the Roads, and it is thought by many that there is a good fighting chance for a Republican candidate to secure the State Senatorship.

The Democratic party is split and there will probably be two candidates in the field, one to represent each of the factions. The split took place at the nominating convention which was held at Suffolk, when Messrs. Boykin and Shands were both nominated by their respective factions.

The incident will be well remembered. The meeting was quite an exciting one, and a full account of it was published in the Daily Press at the time.

CAUSE OF THE SPLIT.
The cause of the trouble in the ranks of the Democratic party is not known exactly, but there is a well based theory which is believed to explain the split.

It is claimed by the people of Southampton county that the political leaders of Isle of Wight and Nansemond counties have been working together for years to arrange matters so that the State Senator from the district would be from one of the two counties, and the other leaders of the district would not stand for it.

It was for that reason, it is stated by a gentleman who is in a position to know what he is talking about, that the Shands factionists nominated Mr. Shands, when the other gentlemen put the name of Colonel Boykin before the convention.

THE PROBABLE RESULT.
The probable result of this split in the Democratic convention will be that there will be two candidates in the field in the district, representing the Democratic party, instead of one. This is not as yet an assured fact, but a great probability.

Mr. Shands, it will be remembered, has very emphatically given it out that he is a candidate for the State Senate and is in the race to stay, regardless of whatever happens and of whatever decision the State Executive Committee may decide if it is taken to them for settlement.

MR. SHANDS' POSITION.
Mr. Shands says that it is not the duty or right of the committee in question to interfere in the matter, and he will not be guided by anything they may say. On the other hand, Colonel Boykin thinks the question as to proper candidates should be decided by the State Executive Committee.

It is learned from a thoroughly reliable source that Boykin will do all in his power to have the matter settled by the State Committee, while Shands will do all he can to keep the matter out of their hands.

REASON OF DIFFERENCE.
The reason for this difference is thought to be evident. It is well known that Shands is a Tyler man, while Boykin is an undoubted follower of Martin for the United States Senate. The majority of the members of the Executive Committee are Martin men, and they would unquestionably decide in favor of the Boykin faction.

As to there being two candidates in the field, the situation is this, according to the statement of a well known politician yesterday:

TWO CANDIDATES CERTAIN.
If the State Committee recognizes the Boykin people, as it will undoubtedly do, there will be two men running on the Democratic ticket in the general election this fall, as Shands will be in the race regardless of the committee's decision. This will probably be the case.

If, however, on the other hand, the committee decides in favor of Shands, which is not considered at all likely by those best posted on the situation, he will be the only candidate, as Col. Boykin will abide by the committee's decision.

REPUBLICAN POSSIBILITY.
As to the possibility of a Republican getting into the fight in earnest, the situation is considered serious by a number of the leading Democrats. In fact, by some the possibility is thought to be a probability.

It is a well known fact that where there are two candidates in the field representing one party, the vote of that party is bound to be divided to some extent, and when the two candidates are backed by such rival factions the fight between the two sides of the single party is sure to be more severe.

In view of the probability that this will be the case in the district in question, it is thought both possible and probable that a Republican will be put in the field, and it is believed that he would have a fairly good chance of winning out, in the general election.

CAUSEY MAY RUN.
In this connection the names of several well known Republicans of the district are mentioned. Principal among them however, is that of Captain C. H. Causey, of Suffolk, who will, it is believed, announce himself before long.

Captain Causey is a well known politician and will be a strong candidate for the Republicans to put in the field. He is generally popular throughout the district and would carry a solid Republican vote, while that of the Democratic party would be divided between Messrs. Boykin and Shands.

Captain Causey's candidacy depends largely on the result of the controversy in the Democratic ranks. He will probably come out if there are two candidates in the field. The captain served during the war in command of a Suffolk company and would, it is thought, have a good military following, regardless of party.

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